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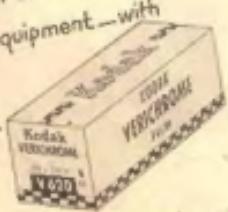
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SHARK!"



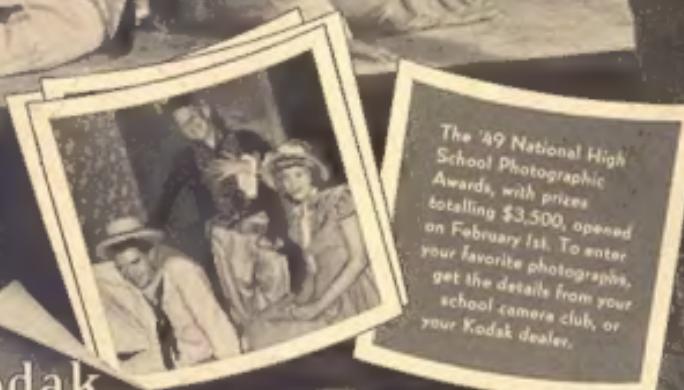
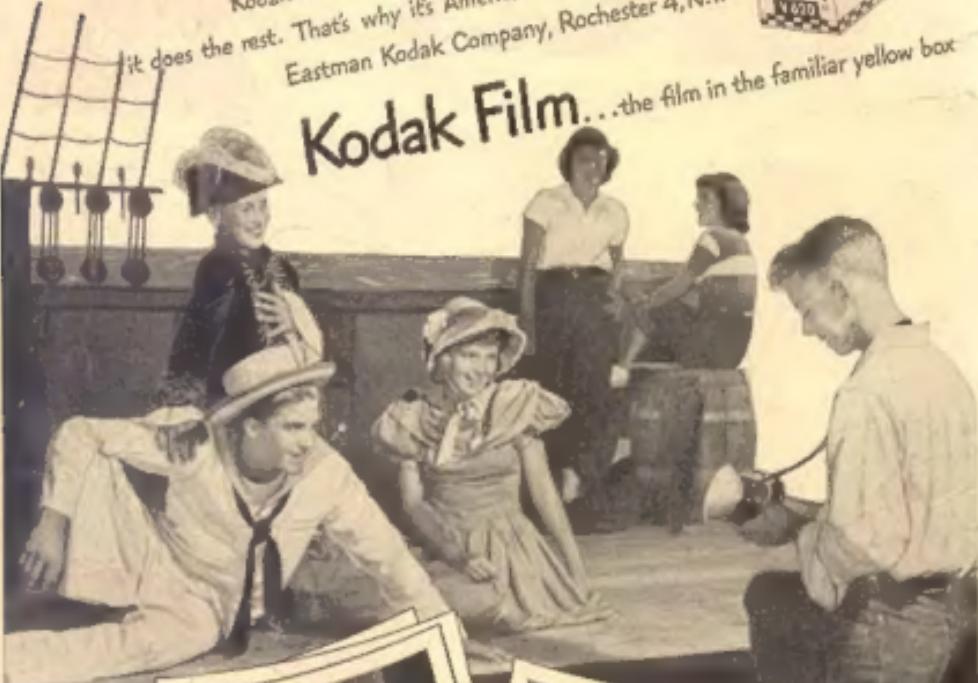
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OFTEN HAVE
BATMAN AND ROBIN
BEEN CHALLENGED BY
CRIME ON LAND, AT SEA,
AND IN THE AIR; BUT NOW
COMES AN **UNDERWATER**
REIGN OF EVIL! FOR A MASTER
OF PLUNDER HAS CONQUERED
THE DEADLY DEPTHS FOR HIS
LAWLESS DOMAIN! AND WHEN
BATMAN AND ROBIN INVADE
HIS SINISTER MARINE KINGDOM,
A CARGO OF SUSPENSE AWAITS
YOU - AS THE TORNADO TWINS
PIT THEIR DARING AND SKILL
AGAINST THE SAVAGE
CUNNING OF ...

"TIGER SHARK!"



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AT HERALD CIRCLE IN GOTHAM CITY ONE NIGHT... BLINKING LIGHTS SPELL OUT A MESSAGE OF SHOCKING TRAGEDY?

OH,
NO!



WHAT
A LOSS TO
HUMANITY!



AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER GORDON PERFORMS A SAD TASK...

WE WON'T BE USING THE BAT SIGNAL ANY MORE... NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE NEED HELP FROM BATMAN AND ROBIN!



BUT IN THE HAUNTS OF THE UNDER-WORLD, THERE IS GREAT REJOICING!

WHAT
A
BREAK!

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN
DEAD?

NOW OUR
RACKETS CAN
GET
ROLLING!



AND IN THE WEIRD LAIR OF THE TIGER SHARK... HIDDEN SOMEWHERE FAR BELOW THE OCEAN'S RESTLESS WHITECAPS...



BATMAN
AND ROBIN
—DEAD?
NO MORE
WILL THE
CAPED CRIME-
CRUSHERS
SPRING TO
THE AID OF
JUSTICE?
BUT HOW
DID THIS
INCREDIBLE
TRAGEDY
HAPPEN?
LET US
GO BACK
AND SEE...

IT ALL STARTED WHEN BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON WERE LOOKING OVER THEIR TROPHIES IN THE FAMED BATCAVE...



HAVEN'T DECIDED
YET? IT MUST BE
A REALLY GOOD
ONE!

SUDDENLY... AN ELECTRIFYING BLADE OF LIGHT SLASHES THE SKY—THE BAT SIGNAL!

AND SCANT MINUTES LATER...

THE TIGER SHARK HAS STRUCK AGAIN! HMM... I THINK IT'S TIME TO PUT A STOP TO TIGER SHARK'S "WATER SPORTS!"



LOOK! THERE'S A SUBMARINE OUT IN THE RIVER!

TIGER SHARK'S, MOST LIKELY! AND SPECIALLY DESIGNED, NO DOUBT!

BATMAN AND ROBIN APPROACHING IN BATMOBILE! INFLATE SHOE SKATES AND RETURN TO SUBMARINE!



BUT THE BATMOBILE, BUOYED UP BY AIR TANKS AND PROPELLED BY RETRACTILE PROPS, IS NOT STOPPED BY WATER!

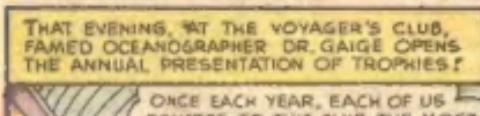
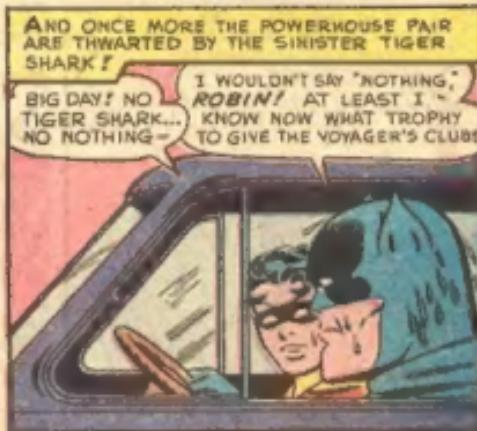
TAKE THE WHEEL, ROBIN! I'M GOING TO JUMP ABOARD THE SUB!



I DIDN'T KNOW THE BATMOBILE COULD SWIM, BATMAN!

LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY, I ALWAYS SAY—





ONCE EACH YEAR, EACH OF US DONATES TO THIS CLUB THE MOST PRIZED SOUVENIR HE HAS WON DURING THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS!



ROBERT "ALPS" EVANS... YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CONQUER MT. EVEREST, HIGHEST PEAK IN THE WORLD! DID YOU BRING BACK A TROPHY?

AFTER MONTHS OF PREPARATION I WAS DEFEATED AT THE LAST 1,000 FEET!



BUT I CONQUERED THE ICE AND FREEZING COLD AND SHEER CLIFFS... IN A HELICOPTER! AND THIS IS A BOULDER FROM THE SUMMIT—30,000 FEET UP!

A WORTHY DONATION TO OUR TROPHY ROOM.

THIS IS JUST AN ORDINARY GLASS THERMOS BOTTLE, 'JET' FULLER!

BUT IT CONTAINS A GENUINE INTERPLANETARY VACUUM! I MADE THE FIRST ROCKET FLIGHT INTO SPACE... AND OPENED THE BOTTLE 600 MILES ABOVE THE EARTH, RELEASING ALL ITS AIR!

AND NOW—BATMAN AND ROBIN! WE HAVE ALL BEEN EAGERLY AWAITING THE DONATION FROM OUR FAMOUS HONORARY MEMBERST WHAT IS THE TROPHY TO BE? WE DON'T HAVE IT YET, DR. GAIGE—BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS—IT WILL BE EXTRAORDINARY!



RESERVE THAT SPACE FOR—THE MASK OF TIGER SHARK!

GREAT SCOTT! THAT WOULD BE A PRIZE!

WOW! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET IT!



ON THAT SENSATIONAL NOTE, THE MEETING ENDS! AND AFTERWARD...

UNDERWATER, THE TIGER SHARK HAS A GREAT ADVANTAGE WITH ALL HIS MARINE GADGETS! THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, DR. GAIGE!

YOU CAN DRAW ON MY ENTIRE KNOWLEDGE OF OCEANOLOGY!



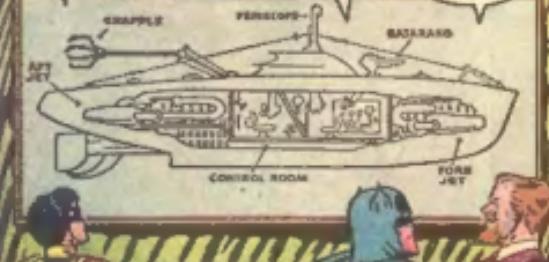
WE'LL TAKE YOU TO OUR BATCAVE! AND THERE YOU CAN HELP US BUILD A...

IT WILL BE A PRIVILEGE! NATURALLY, WE HAVE TO BLINDFOLD YOU UNTIL WE'RE INSIDE... NOBODY CAN EVER LEARN THE LOCATION OF THE BATCAVE!



IN THE SECRET LABORATORY, THE SUPER-SWIFT SUB SOON REACHES THE BLUEPRINT STAGE...

GOLLY, IT'S GOING NOT A WORD ABOUT THIS TO BE A DANDY! TO ANYONE, DR. GAIGE! NOBODY MUST KNOW OF THE SUB-BATMARINE! MY LIPS ARE SEALED, BATMAN!



AND BY AND BY THE BUILDING STAGE IS WELL ADVANCED!

YOU CAN COMPLETE IT WITHOUT FURTHER GUIDANCE!

WE APPRECIATE THE TIME YOU HAVE TAKEN FROM YOUR IMPORTANT EXPERIMENTS, DR. GAIGE!

THAT NIGHT...

IT'S STRANGE, TIGER SHARK HASN'T ATTACKED RECENTLY? I WONDER WHY?

WAITING FOR A BIG JOB... AND I THINK THIS IS IT! THE S.S. VULCAN IS BRINGING UNCUT DIAMONDS FROM SOUTH AFRICA!

SONIC-SWIFT, THE TWIN TORNADOES SPEED TO THE EXPECTED TARGET...

IT'D BE EASY TO CUT UP AND SELL UNKNOWN DIAMONDS!

RIGHT, ROBIN!... THERE'S THE S.S. VULCAN BELOW! WE'LL LAND ON THE DECK WITH OUR GYROSCOPIC PROPS!

SECONDS LATER...

IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE BATMAN AND ROBIN ABOARD-- BUT WE DON'T NEED HELP! OUR SOUND DEVICES CAN PICK UP AN APPROACHING SHIP OR SUB- MILES AWAY-- AND WE'RE WELL ARMED!

I MUST WARN YOU, CAPTAIN-- THIS TIGER SHARK STRIKES IN UNEXPECTED WAYS...

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THE MINIONS OF THE TIGER SHARK ARE SPEEDING SILENTLY THROUGH THE DEPTHS TOWARD THEIR COMPLACENT PREY!



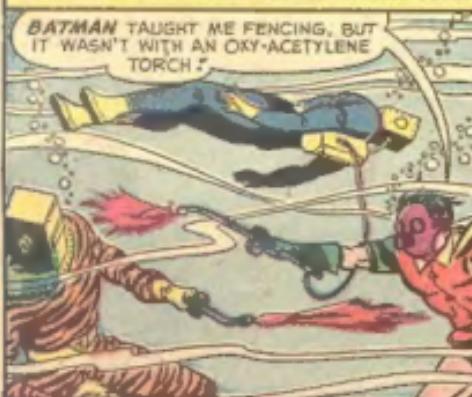
WITH VACUUM DISKS, THEY CLING TO THE SHIP LIKE BARNACLES... AND OXY-ACETYLENE TORCHES SLASH THROUGH THE STEEL HULL AS A RAZOR CUTS TISSUE!



BARELY IN TIME, THE DYNAMIC DUO LUNGES THROUGH THE BULKHEAD DESIGNED TO SEAL OFF INRUSHING FLOODS!



SNATCHING UP THE FALLEN THUG'S TORCH... ROBIN FORCES THE TIGER SHARK INTO A FLAMING DUEL!



AND IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...

WHAT?... WE'RE SHIPPING WATER IN HOLD NUMBER 1? THAT'S WHERE THE DIAMONDS ARE!

PUT ON YOUR CONVERTED GAS MASK, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT COMPANY—TIGER SHARK!



CAN'T GET PAST THOSE TORCHES TO BATTLE THEM!

IF I CAN HIT THAT DIVING HELMET FILLED WITH COMPRESSED AIR... THE CONCUSSION WILL KNOCK HIM OUT! DID IT?



MEANWHILE...

IF I STAY CLOSE ENOUGH... THEY CAN'T USE THEIR TORCHES WITHOUT HITTING EACH OTHER!



SUDDENLY, MISFORTUNE APPARENTLY TRIPS THE HOODED LAWMAN!

OH-OH! BATMAN'S IN TROUBLE!



... AND AS THE BOY WONDER RUSHES TO HIS AID...



BATMAN REVEALS HIS SURPRISE!

BUT WHY DID YOU WANT THEM TO LEAVE? THIS CROOK YOU KNOCKED OUT FLOATED INTO A CORNER, UNSEEN! IF WE PLANT A MINIATURE SENDING RADIO IN HIS DIVING BOOT... THEN LET HIM ESCAPE... WE CAN FIND THE TIGER SHARK'S HIDEOUTS!



PRESENTLY...



I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING THE DIAMONDS! WE CAN MAKE PORT WITH BULKHEADS CLOSED... BUT TIGER SHARK MAY STRIKE AGAIN!

WE'LL DELIVER THE GEMS IN THE BATPLANE, SKIPPER!



AFTER THE PRECIOUS STONES HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE U.S. CUSTOMS...

...OKAY, BATMAN AND ROBIN WRECKED THIS JOB! BUT TIGER SHARK'LL HAVE ANOTHER LINED UP WHEN HE COMES BACK TO THE HIDEOUT!

KEEP GABBING, THUGS!

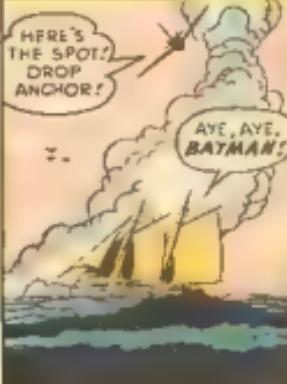


AS LONG AS TIGER SHARK'S MEN TALK, WE CAN LOCATE THE R. H. HIDEOUT. BUT HOW DO WE GET DOWN BORROW DIVING EQUIPMENT THERE... WHEREVER DR. GA GET'S IT IS? MARINE LABORATORY HERE!

INSIDE THE LAB...

AND WITH YOUR EQUIPMENT OR GAUGE, I THINK WE CAN PUT TIGER SHARK DISPOSAL! HOW OUT OF BUSINESS! I WISH I COULD COME ALONG! BUT I SIMPLY MUST FINISH MY EXPERIMENT!

HOURS LATER, AS THE FLEET BATPLANE TRIANGULATES THE POSITION OF THE UNDERSEA PIRATE'S BASE OF OPERATIONS...



WITH THE SHIP AT REST AND THE BATPLANE STOWED AWAY ON DECK, BATMAN AND ROBIN PREPARE A BATHYSPHERE DESCENT!

IT'S A 500 FOOT DIVE, SO— GOOD LUCK!

WE'LL NEED IT!

FINALLY, AFTER THE SLOW, OPPRESSIVE DESCENT...

AN OLD SUNKEN SHIP—MADE WATERTIGHT AND FITTED WITH AIR LOCKS?

THERE'S THE HIDEOUT, ROBIN!

A SPLASH AS THE BIG STEEL BALL HITS THE WATER! THEN DEEPENING, SINISTER, CLOTTING DARKNESS!

GOSH, BATMAN! IT'S GETTING HARD TO BREATHE!

THAT'S THE PRESSURE OF COMPRESSED AIR, ROBIN! EQUALIZING THE OUTSIDE PRESSURE... EVERY 55 FEET MEANS ANOTHER TON SQUEEZING AGAINST THE SPHERE!

UNSEEN, A TINY CRIME-PATROL SUB SLIPS UP FROM BEHIND THROUGH THE GIANT SEAWEED!



AND POWERFUL PINCERS SEVER THE GUIDE CHAIN
AND A LINE F



FOR HOURS, THE HOPELESS SEARCH GOES ON - AND THEN, RELUCTANTLY, THE TRAGIC NEWS IS FLASHED TO SHORE!



AND SO WE KNOW NOW THE GRIM DETAILS OF THE GHASTLY ACCIDENT! ADrift 1500 FEET UNDER THE ROLLING SEA... NO PROPELLER... NO SUPPLY OF AIR... IN A MASSIVE STEEL BALL THAT CANNOT RESET IS IT ANY WONDER THAT THE MANTLED MANHUNTERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN UP FOR DEAD?



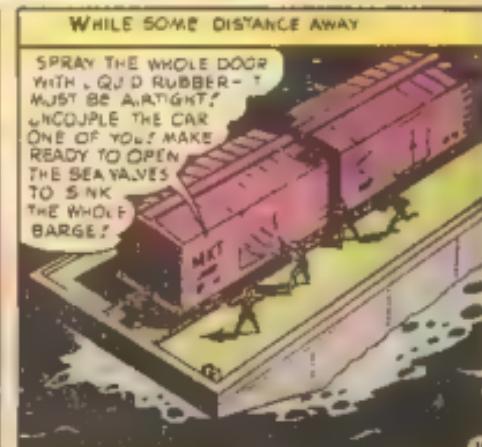
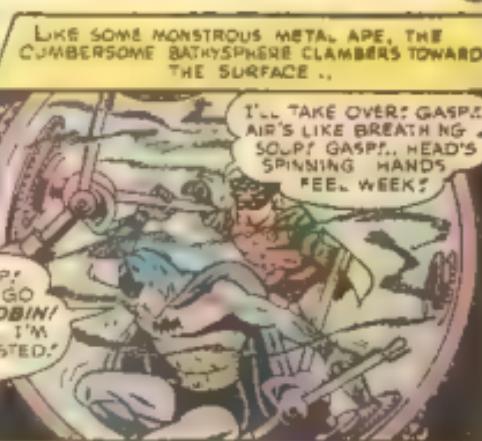
BUT INSIDE THE BATHYSHERE



GASP! WHY BOTHER PUNGING ALONG THE BOTTOM, BATMAN?
... GASP! IT'S 200 MILES TO SHORE! WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT WITHOUT AIR!

IF WE CAN... GASP... REACH THE SALVAGE SHIP'S ANCHOR... GASP... WE MAY HAVE A CHANCE, ROBIN!







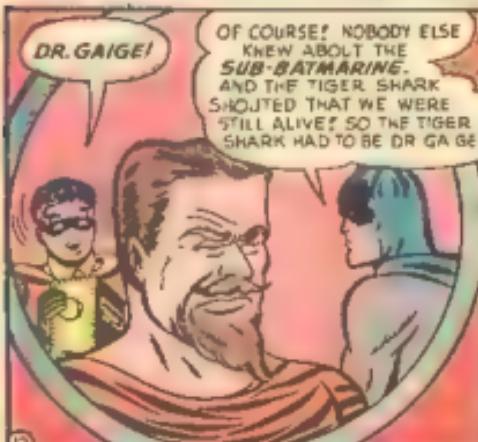
ABRUPTLY . . .

IMPOSSIBLE! THEY
COULDN'T HAVE ESCAPED!THE
SUB-BATMARINE'
THEN BATMAN
AND ROBIN
MUST STILL
BE ALIVE!DIVE! WELL GET
AWAY IN THE SHARK
SHIP - IT'S FASTER THAN
THE RS!WE'RE
SUBMERGING, ROBIN!
BREAK OUT THAT
NEW GADGET WE
JUST INSTALLED!CATAPULTED BY GIANT SPRINGS A HUGE NET OF
STEEL MESH FILES OUT; ANDWE GOT
EVERY ONE
OF THEM,
BATMAN!

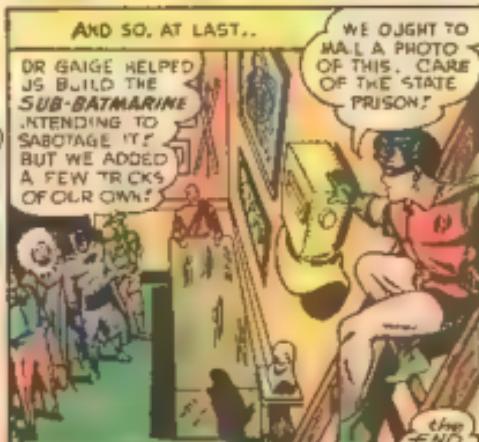
LATER, WHEN THE POLICE TAKE OVER . . .

OH, BOY! I
CAN'T WAIT
TO FIND OUT
WHO'S UNDER
THAT MASK!GO AHEAD, ROBIN! THERE'S
ONLY ONE PERSON WHO
COULD BE THE TIGER
SHARK!

DR. GAIGE!

OF COURSE! NOBODY ELSE
KNEW ABOUT THE
SUB-BATMARINE.
AND THE TIGER SHARK
SHOUTED THAT WE WERE
STILL ALIVE! SO THE TIGER
SHARK HAD TO BE DR. GAIGE!

AND SO, AT LAST...

DR. GAIGE HELPED
US BUILD THE
SUB-BATMARINE
INTENDING TO
SABOTAGE IT.
BUT WE ADDED
A FEW TRICKS
OF OUR OWN!WE OUGHT TO
MAIL A PHOTO
OF THIS. CARE
OF THE STATE
PRISON?the
END

"U.S. ROYAL

WITH HIS
JET-PROPELLED BIKE



BAMBOOZLING THE
BANK ROBBERS



WHEN DESPERATE GUNMEN ROB THE TOWN BANK, DEPUTY U.S. ROYAL AND THE BOYS OF THE ELM CITY BIKE CLUB GO INTO ACTION WITH A DARING PLAN!



EVERY SECOND COUNTS, AS THE JET BIKE RACES AHEAD OF THE ROBBERS...



AND SOON...
WELL, I'LL BE--
RIGHT INTO A DEAD
END TRAP! BUT
THE 5 GN

WAS MOVED TO
THROW YOU OFF
THE TRACK INTO
OUR HANDS!



GREAT WORK, BOYS! WE SURPRISED THOSE CROOKS WITH A ROYAL RECEPTION!

ROYAL IS RIGHT--OUR U.S. ROYAL BIKE TIRES GAVE US PLENTY OF SPEED WITH SAFETY, RIGHT, FELLAS? AND, SAY, SPEAKING OF SURPRISES--I'VE GOT A REAL ONE WAITING FOR YOU



LATER, AT THE CLUBHOUSE...
A WHOLE TAKE IT EASY, COMIC BOOK BOYS. THERE'S A COPY WAITING ON BIKING! FOR EACH OF YOU IT, U.S. ... AT YOUR U.S. ROYAL BIKE DEALER'S!



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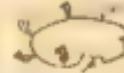
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DIAMONDS AND PEARLS SPILL OVER
THEIR DESK... CAN IT BE THAT
SLAM BRADLEY AND SHORTY
MORGAN ARE RICH AT LAST?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN
SLAM BRADLEY AND
SHORTY MORGAN STOP
SEEING PRIVATE EYE?
SUSPICION REARS ITS
UGLY HEAD BETWEEN
THE LONG-TIME
PARTNERS... AND THE
LONG AND SHORT OF IT
IS THAT EACH HALF
OF THE DETECTIVE
DUO DISTRUSTS HIS
PARTNER, WHILE
CRIME HAS A FIELD
DAY...

**WHEN PRIVATE
EYES CROSS!**



WORTH 100,000
SMACKERS IF THEY RE
WORTH A CENT!

BOY, WERE
THOSE CROOKS
MAD WHEN WE
TOOK THEM
AWAY FROM THEM!

NOW ALL WE HAVE
TO DO IS RETURN
THEM TO THE
OWNER... AND
COLLECT OUR
REWARD!

AND
EAT!



MY STOMACH HASN'T
SEEN FOOD SO LONG.
IT'LL NEED AN
INTRODUCTION WHEN
IT MEETS A STEAK
AGAIN!

BETTER TIGHTEN YOUR
BELT, LOW DOWN...WE
WON'T SEE OUR
REWARD UNTIL
TOMORROW...
MEANWHILE, I'LL LEAVE
THE JEWELS HERE!

SO LONG, SHORT-
STUFF! SEE
YOU LATER!

RIGHTO!



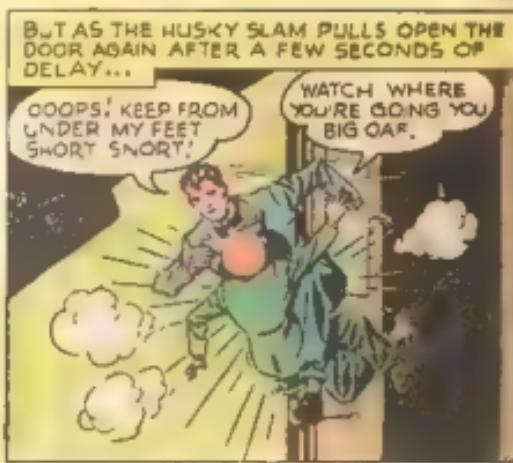
BUT A LITTLE
LATER...

I'LL BE EATING THOSE
BY THE DOZEN
TOMORROW... UNLESS...
GOSH, SUPPOSE
SOMETHING HAPPENED
TO THOSE JEWELS AND
WE DIDN'T GET THE REWARD?
I THINK I'LL GO BACK TO
THE OFFICE FOR A LOOK!



I GUESS I'M JUST
BEING JITTERY FOR
NOTHING, BUT...







SUSPICION, HOWEVER, SOON RETURNS TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN THE TWO LONG-LOYAL PARTNERS. AND THE NEXT MORNING... ONLY A FEW DOORS FROM THEIR OFFICE...

MAYBE SHORTY COULDN'T STAND THE HUNGER, AND DECIDED TO PAWN A RING AND BUY FOOD... I'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT!

ARCHIE BLIMP
AND
PINNY SKELETON
DETECTIVES

AS SLAM TELLS
HIS STORY...

SHORTY WOULD CATCH ON AT ONCE IF HE SAW ME FOLLOWING HIM... I WANT ONE OF YOU TO SHADOW HIM!

LEAVE THAT TO ME, MR. BRADLEY! I MAKE AN ALMOST INVISIBLE SHADOW!

HOW DO YOU DO, SIR... I AM A, BLIMP! MEET MY PARTNER, SKELETON!

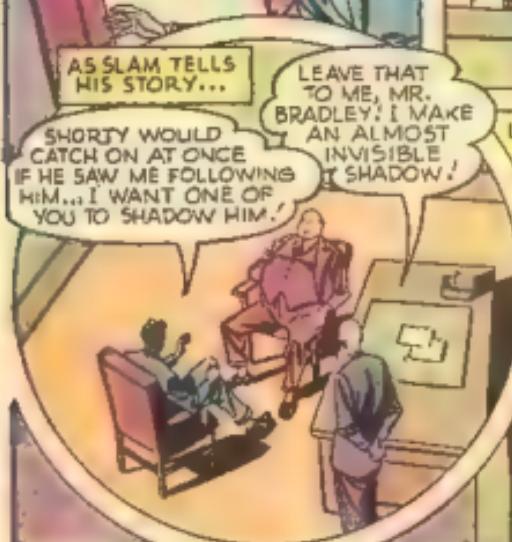
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE DETECTIVES... HOWEVER, THE JOB I HAVE FOR YOU'S AN EASY ONE!



LATER, BLIMP AND SKELETON HAVE ANOTHER VISITOR...

SLAM WOULD CATCH ON AT ONCE IF HE SAW ME FOLLOWING HIM... THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU FELLOWS!

MY JOB, MR. MORGAN: I'LL FOLLOW HIM AND FIND OUT WHAT HE DOES WITH THE JEWELS HE STEALS!



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I'LL SNEAK AROUND TO THE SIDE DOOR... IF HE RETURNS, GET HIM.

SO LONG, HALF PINT... BE SEEING YOU!

MY MAN WILL FOLLOW HIM... BUT I JUST TO MAKE SURE I'LL PRETEND TO LEAVE, THEN SNEAK BACK HERE.

SUDDENLY... AS THE LIGHTS GO ON...

HOLD IT SAPS

THE DETECTIVES I HIRED.

YOU MEAN, THE DETECTIVES I HIRED!

CUT THE CHATTER... WE'LL END YOUR TROUBLES FOR GOOD!

YOU MEAN YOU'LL KILL US?

HAVE TO STALL FOR TIME!

DO WHAT YOU WANT... BUT FIRST I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO SHORTY...

I WAS A FOOL FOR SUSPECTING YOU... WHEN ALL THE TIME THESE TWO PHONIES WERE THE ONES AFTER THE JEWELS!

I BOOSTED PINKY UP TO THE TRANSOM... HE SAW WHERE YOU PUT THEM!

I DESERVE TO BE KICKED... GO ON SHORTY, KICK ME!

NO, I'M THE ONE THAT DESERVES IT... YOU KICK ME!

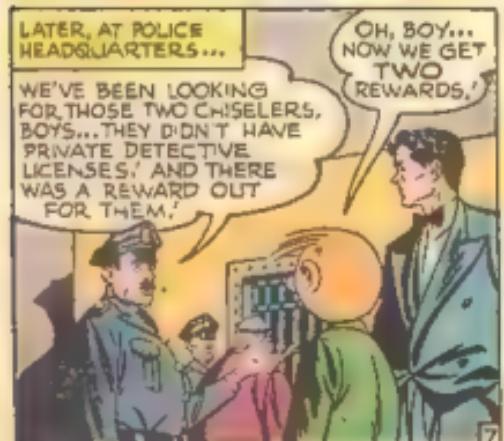
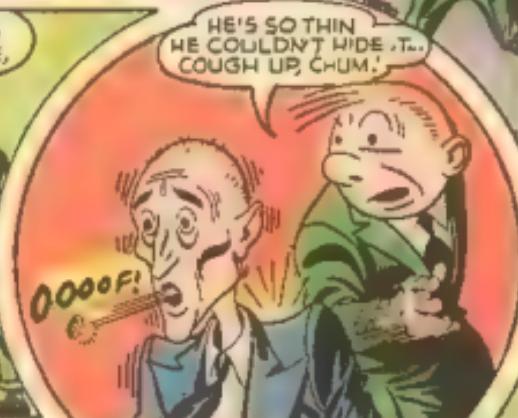
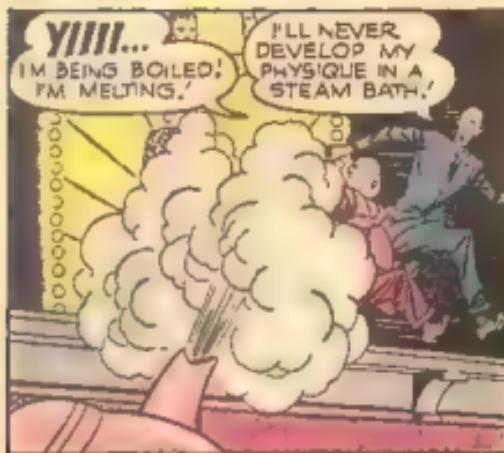
BOTH KICKINS AT THE SAME TIME... THIS I GOTTA SEE!

MOMENTS LATER...

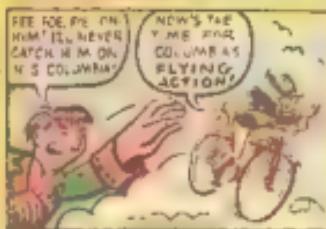
SO THERE YOU ARE - YOU DIRTY DOUBLE CROSSER.

DOUBLE-CROSSER'S RIGHT... HERE'S WHERE YOU GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU!





DAYDREAM MIKE and his WONDERFUL BIKE!



REMEMBER, FELLOWS
AND GIRLS! A BIKE
BY COLUMBIA IS
NOT ONLY A
HANDSOMER BKE
BUT ALSO A BETTER
BKE. IT'S KE AND
WHEN A BIKE IS
BU IT BETTER IT
LASTS LONGER.
PEDAL'S EASIER,
GOES FASTER,
C. MBS EASIER,
AND GETS YOU
THERE FRESHER
THAN "POKEY",
HARDER TO PUSH
BKS.
MORAL: GET A
BIKE BY
COLUMBIA AND BE
A LEADER!

**NEW FLOATING SPRING FORK
BOOSTS COLUMBIA FLYING ACTION!**

PER FOR YOURSELF how smoothly the new addition is fitting among your friends and the household needs, making pasting and using easier and your understanding can assist you the longest now. **PER LAUREL** is a whizway for flying colors. Other great features include pasted-in book and sheet music buttons. **PER-ART** is with you.

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SEND FOR BIG, COLORFUL FOLDER NOW

The Westfield Manufacturing Company
43 Cuyler Street, Westfield, Massachusetts

Please send postpaid, free booklet showing the beauty of 1949 bicycles by Columbia.

Figure 4. *Comparison of the effect of different concentrations of *Streptomyces* on the growth of *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*.*

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Boys and Girls 200 PRIZES



GRAND PRIZE 2 Admiral TELEVISION SETS

Admiral's Magic Mirror Television in a beautiful Console Model with large 10" direct view screen, full 10-channel station coverage, amplitude station selection and large tube complement.

Given to best entry at end of contest, May 31, 1949.



66 Admiral PORTABLE & PLUG-IN RADIO SETS

This beautiful portable set in two-tone plastic case is equally at home on the beach, park or stadium run by small powerful batteries, or at home, plugged in AC or DC circuit.

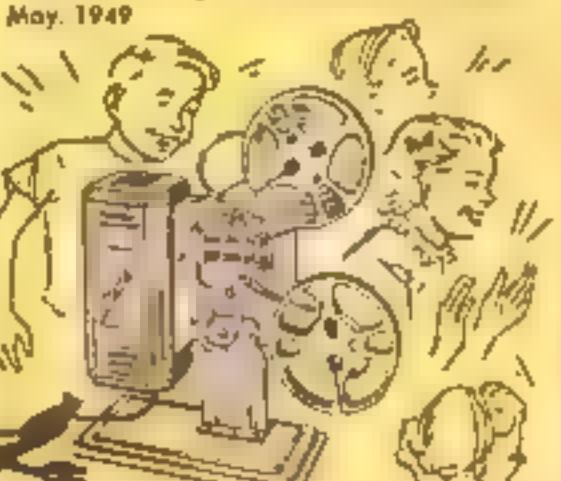
22 radios given away in March, April and May, 1949.



66 MOHAWK ELECTRIC MOVIE PROJECTORS

A 16 mm projector with special auto headlight for cool brilliant light projection—simple and easy to thread—200 feet capacity—focusing lens.

22 projectors given away in March, April and May, 1949.



66 BOY'S and GIRL'S CLINTON WATCHES

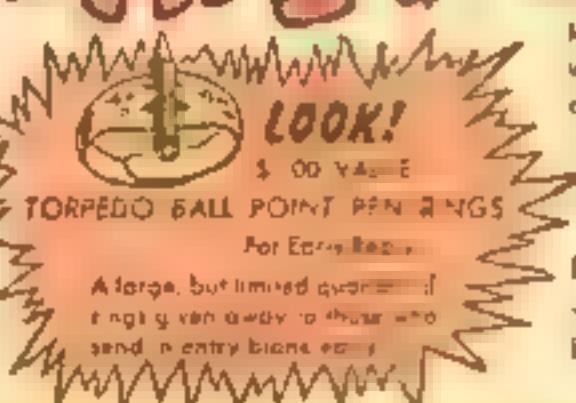
Boys—17 Jewel Clinton movement, white case with stainless steel back and large sweep second hand.

Girls—Dainty 17 Jewel Clinton in attractive gracfully styled yellow case with stainless steel back.

22 watches given away in March, April, May, 1949.

BUY SAFE-T CONES AND CUPS OFTEN
AND WIN VALUABLE PRIZES, TOO!

ENJOY ICE CREAM IN SAFE-T CONES & CUPS!



1. Tear out this ad from magazines and show to dealer to make sure he sells you genuine SAFE-T Cones or Cups.

2. If your dealer does not sell the genuine SAFE-T Cones or Cups he can buy them from any of his wholesale or retail quality products or direct from the SAFE-T Cone Co., 2105 S. Union Ave., Chicago 16.

3. Before you buy, count the number of times the name "SAFE-T" appears on Cone or Cup you purchased.

4. Eat it and enjoy America's favorite treat.

5. Fill out Entry Blank or right and mail in.

6. Cones open to all except employees and family both of the SAFE-T Cone Co. and its advertising agency. Contestant can send in as many entries as he wishes. Duplicate entry blanks may be made up by contestants.

7. Entry blanks and judges decision become the property of the SAFE-T Cone Company and may be used or disposed of as seen fit. No entries will be returned. No correspondence regarding entries will be engaged in.

8. Contest will close at midnight, May 31, 1949.

ATTENTION DEALERS!

You Win Too! If your name appears on winning Cones all entry blank you

receive duplicate prize in every

way. It pays to serve SAFE-T Cones.

Always go to the store that serves good ice cream — you'll find SAFE-T Cones and Cups there in the familiar blue and yellow boxes. Patronize him for all your needs — go there first when Dad or Mom send you to the store — you know he sells quality merchandise.

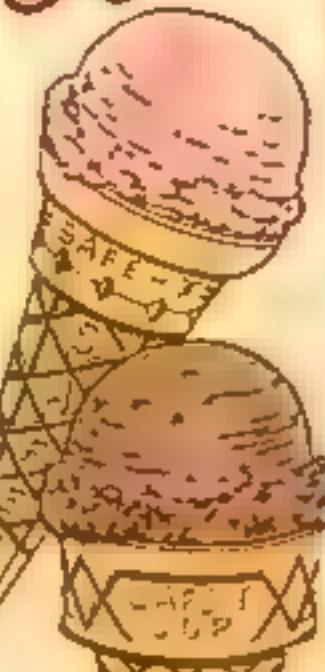
REMEMBER ICE CREAM NOURISHES AS IT REFRESHES

Enter this Easy Contest Now! No Box Tops—No Singles—No Puzzles! Just Tell Us Why You Like Ice Cream in SAFE-T Cones and Cups.

Important Rules

SAFE-T RING & RIBS
MEAN NO DRIP —
NO SPILL
THEY'RE SAFE!

MADE WITH
SUGAR, MILK
AND HONEY!



ENTRY BLANK—Send to SAFE-T Cone Co., P. O. Box 7105, Chicago, Illinois. Want to enter the SAFE-T Cone Contest and if I win I choose the following:

(1) Radio (2) Watch (3) Projector (check one only, please).
I HAVE PURCHASED A SAFE-T CONE OR CUP AT

Dealer _____

Store Address _____

He serves _____

BRAND of ICE CREAM (NOT FLAVORS)
THE NAME SAFE-T APPEARS _____ TIMES ON Cone Cup
I like Ice Cream in SAFE-T Cones and Cups because _____

(FINISH IN FIFTEEN WORDS)

MY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY & STATE _____

ASK DAD, MOM OR YOUR DEALER TO HELP YOU WIN

ROBOTMAN

IS THERE A SECRET ROBOT TOWN, HIDDEN
FROM THE WORLD AT LARGE? A CITY INHAB-
ITED SOLELY BY MECHANICAL MEN, LIKE
ARMED ROBOTMAN? AND IF A HUMAN
BEING STUMBLED INTO THIS FANTASTIC
ABODE OF ROBOTS, WOULD HE BE A
KING—OR A SLAVE? ONE MAN
FOUND OUT THE STRANGE ANSWERS
WHEN ROBOTMAN INVITED HIM WITHIN
THE CITY LIMITS OF...
ROBOT TOWN, U.S.A. 10⁰⁰

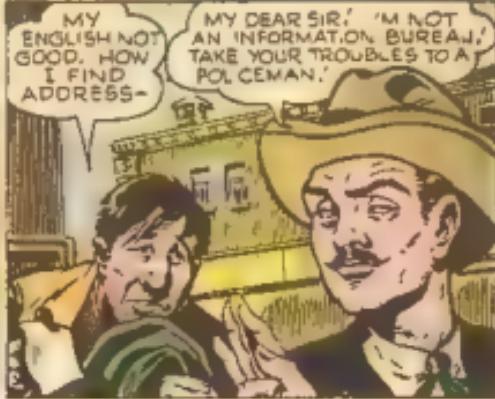
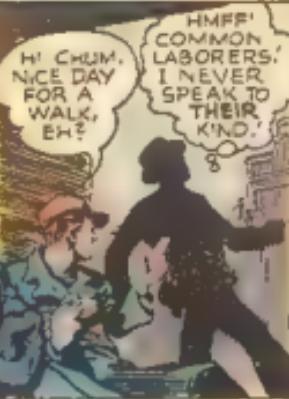
ADVENTURES
OF ROBOT GIRL

HEY
STEELIE—
LOOK AT THE
FUNNY
HUMAN.'

YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF ROBOTMAN,
BUT HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE
HEARD OF JONATHAN T. BARCLAY?
SINCE THIS IS HIS STORY, MORE
OR LESS, LET US PICK HIM UP
ONE DAY AS HE TAKES A STROLL...

MONS DÉRATÉ
MPS! WHY DON'T
THEY KEEP OUT
OF THE WAY OF
RESPECTABLE
PEOPLE?

PERRY
CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY
MEN
WORKING



YES, THE WORLD IS FULL OF
"INCONSIDERATE IMPS", "COMMON"
PEOPLE, "FOREIGNERS" AND "UN-
DESIRABLES" TO JONATHAN T.
BARCLAY...

BUT BARCLAY'S STROLL IS SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED WHEN HE WALKS INTO A WHIRL OF EXCITEMENT IN THE FORM OF FAMED
ROBOTMAN BATTING CRIME.



A FEW MOMENTS LATER—AS AN OFFICER RUSHES TO THE SCENE...

GREAT WORK, ROBOTMAN! I'LL GET THEM OVER TO HEADQUARTERS.

SO THAT'S THE RENOWNED ROBOTMAN. WHAT A REVOLTING LOOKING FREAK HE IS!

FREAK!

CERTAINLY YOU'RE A FREAK! AN ANIMATED TIN CAN. IF I HAD MY WAY, I'D ROLL A THING LIKE YOU OUT OF TOWN!

BUT I CAN'T BE BOthered ARGUING WITH A MECHANICAL MONSTER. I'M A HUMAN BEING.

THAT DOESN'T GUARANTEE YOUR SUPERIORITY. IN A TOWN FULL OF ROBOTS, YOU WOULD BE A FREAK—THINK THAT OVER.



ARE YOU HURT? I'D BETTER TAKE YOU TO A DOCTOR.

NO, DON'T TOUCH ME, YOU TIN FREAK. I'M ALL RIGHT.

RAGE SWEEPS THROUGH ROBOTMAN AT BARCLAY'S BITING REMARKS, AND SUDDENLY...

I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU A LESSON, MISTER. I'M TAKING YOU TO ROBOT TOWN.



BEYOND THE CITY, THE MECHANICAL MAN RACES OVER HILLS AND ALONG SECRET TRAILS INTO A SHUNNED WASTELAND, WHERE FINALLY...



IT'S ROBOTMAN, OUR LEADER!

YES, NUMBER EIGHTEEN, IT'S ME. LET ME IN. I'VE BROUGHT THIS HUMAN FOR A VERY SPECIAL REASON!

WITHIN THE GATES, BARCLAY GAZES UPON A FANTASTIC SIGHT NEVER BEFORE SEEN BY HUMAN EYES... A CITY INHABITED BY ROBOTS.

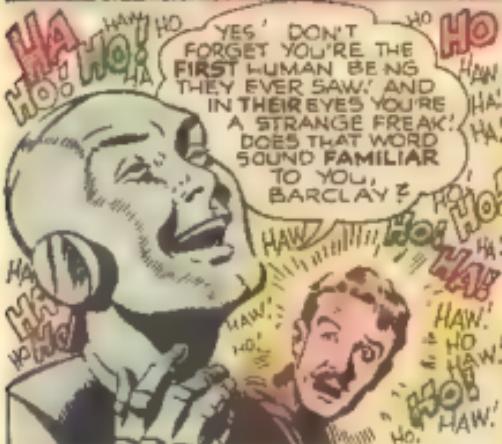


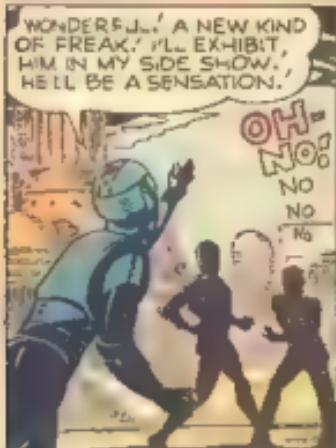
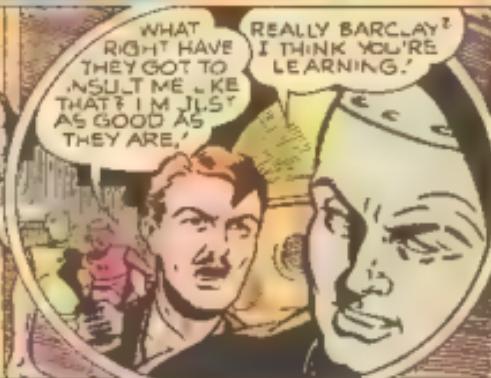
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. YOU'RE AFRAID WE'RE SUDDENLY GOING TO MARCH OUT OF HERE AND CONQUER THE WORLD! WELL, DON'T WORRY—I CONSTRUCTED ROBOT TOWN FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE—TO TRAIN MY FELLOW-ROBOTS TO AID CIVILIZATION.

THE ROBOT RANGERS RIDE AGAIN
FIRST SHOWING

I GASP! I DIDN'T KNOW SUCH A PLACE EXISTED!

WE PREFER TO KEEP IT SECRET! YOU'RE THE FIRST HUMAN WHO'S SEEN ROBOT TOWN!





JUST THEN, A WILD,
MYSTICAL MOB
OF ROBOTS TAKES
OVER...

RUN THAT
THING OUT OF
TOWN! WE DON'T
WANT THAT FREAK
AROUND HERE!



I CAN'T
STAND IT. I'LL
GO MAD!

FREAK



I'LL GO
MAD. I CAN'T
STAND IT.
I... HUM?

CAN'T STAND WHAT?
COME TO YOUR SENSES,
SIR! WHAT ARE YOU BAB-
BLING ABOUT? THAT FALL
ON YOUR HEAD...



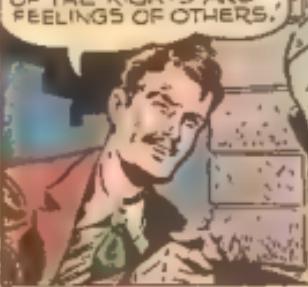
THE STUNNING TRUTH BURSTS
UPON BARCLAY.

OH! IT WAS ONLY A
DREAM! THAT FALL ON
MY HEAD DID IT! ONE OF
THE LAST THINGS ROBOT-
MAN SAID WAS THAT IN A
TOWN OF ROBOTS I'D BE
A FREAK—SO MY
WHOLE DREAM
SPRANG OUT OF
THAT!

BUT BARCLAY'S STRANGE DREAM HAS
TAUGHT HIM AN UNFORGETTABLE LESSON, AND...

I'M A COMPLETELY
CHANGED MAN NOW,
ROBOTMAN! I'LL NEVER
AGAIN BE INCONSIDERATE
OF THE RIGHTS AND
FEELINGS OF OTHERS!

NOW WHAT IN THE
WORLD CAUSED
THAT SUDDEN
CHANGE IN
HIM?



* STAN

MUSIAL

MOST VALUABLE
PLAYER IN THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE

and his son
DICK *Say:*

"I GO FOR
WINTHROPS
LIKE A
FAST BALL RIGHT DOWN THE
MIDDLE! THEY'RE LEADERS
IN ANY LEAGUE FOR
FIT, STYLE AND
LONG WEAR!"



"I CAN
PICK THE
GOOD ONES
JUST LIKE DAD...
THEY'RE WINTHROP JRS!
EVERY KID GOES FOR
THEIR RUGGED, HE-MAN
LOOKS & GROWN-UP STYLES!"



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NATURE'S PLAYGROUND

YELLOWSTONE PARK! What spectacular wonders of nature this name calls up today—geysers, hot springs, fountains, electric mountains. And what beauties—crystal clear pools of steaming water, a colored canyon 1000 feet deep, waterfalls 300 feet high! Yet so awe-inspiring was this territory that at first men viewed its descriptions as mere fancy.

The first time this fabulous fairyländ was seen by a white man was through the eyes of John Colter, a trapper. Colter, who had been a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, struck off through the wilderness on his own, passing through the Yellowstone region on the way. When he returned to St. Louis, no one would believe his fantastic stories. He died a few years later, embittered by his failure to impress people with his wondrous reports.

Other explorers also traveled through the country, but their tales of hot water jets spouting high into the air were treated with amused disdain by their fellow countrymen. It was not until a series of three expeditions in 1869, 1870, and 1871—the last under official Federal sanction—had brought back a series of complete scientific reports that the earlier stories were finally believed.

Shortly afterwards, in 1872, President Grant signed a bill making Yellowstone the first national park. Since then, the park has grown slightly, and now measures over 3300 square miles in extent.

But why were the stories told by the explorers regarded with disbelief?

Probably the most famous phenomena in Yellowstone Park are its geysers, of which there are 200.

There are two kinds of geysers, the fountain type and the cone type. The former is characterized by a pool of water which erupts in a series of outbursts; the latter by an empty tube in the earth at the top of a cone-shaped formation. Eruptions of the cone type expel the water into the sky in one graceful jet.

By far the best known geyser of the cone type is Old Faithful, which, every 65 minutes, day and night, summer and winter, shoots a 130-foot column of boiling water and steam into the air for four minutes. The eruption is preceded by preliminary upheavals, which give the spectators time to move to the most advantageous position. The mouth of the tube is two feet by six

Another well-known cone-type geyser is the Giantess. Although it erupts unpredictably and only about once every three weeks, the jet is over 250 feet in height, and continues spouting for over four hours.

In 1928, a new geyser of the fountain type broke forth. Erupting twice in 24 hours, it hurls huge masses of water as high as 100 feet. It continues in operation for three hours.

The eruption of geysers is caused by wa-

ter running down into the tube-like geyser hole. As the water goes deeper, it gets hotter and begins to turn to steam. The steam is held down by the weight of the water in the tube above it, but finally so much pressure is generated that the steam blows everything out of the tube. Then the whole process is repeated.

In addition to the geysers, there are countless hot springs in Yellowstone. Often these springs boil and bubble, but they never send water into the air and are therefore not geysers. Many springs are clear hot water, and the beautiful silica formations down the sides can be seen for distances below the surface. Several pools are colored; the most famous is Morning Glory Pool, an extinct geyser, which shines a Cerulean blue in the noontime sun.

The "Firehold" is another hot spring, which looks as if a jet of blue flame were issuing from the wall of the pool beneath the surface. The jet is, in reality, superheated steam, which condenses in the water.

Sulphur Spring is so heavily charged with the mineral that the rim of the pool and neighboring areas are outlined in a beautifully brilliant yellow.

In Turbid Lake, steam and gas feebly escape in bubbles from tiny vents in the lake bottom, giving the surface of the water the appearance of a tub just used for washing. Although the lake is fed by mountain streams of pure water, the gas poisons the water so that it cannot sustain fish life.

"Paint pots" is the name given to masses of earth kept in a plastic, mudlike condition by the steam and hot water which are continually rising through them. The steam bubbles up from beneath the surface of the paint pot, causing the mud to form into a variety of shapes, the most common of

which resembles a lily. In a few cases, the mud is beautifully colored, giving the phenomenon its name.

Terraces are a series of dirty white pools and low bluffs composed of limestone and built up by the action of hot springs at their tops. These are formed quite rapidly, but they are rather weak and give way easily to constantly changing pressures. New outlets are formed, old terraces are destroyed, and new ones are built up. Thus they present a different appearance each year.

One of the most popular and frequently-visited natural phenomena at Yellowstone is the free soda fountain. From rocks which line the highway near Appolinaris Springs, a constant stream of natural, carbonated water with a lemonade flavor gushes forth. Anyone can drink as much as he wants.

Yellowstone gets its name from the yellowish tint of many of its rocks and cliffs. In Yellowstone Canyon, especially, most escarpments are of this color, but there are others which are a soft pink, brown, white or gray. Also in the Canyon is a 250-foot spire of rock standing entirely alone, named "The Needle."

Among other scenic wonders of the park are the two magnificent falls of the Yellowstone River, the upper-falls 110 feet, the lower 306 feet. Thirty-eight tons of water per second cascade over the lip of the falls; the bottom is constantly shrouded in mist and rainbows.

Electric Peak, the highest mountain in the park, is so named because magnetic compasses and electrical instruments suffer interference and stoppage while near the summit of the mountain.

These are just a few of the wonders of Yellowstone.

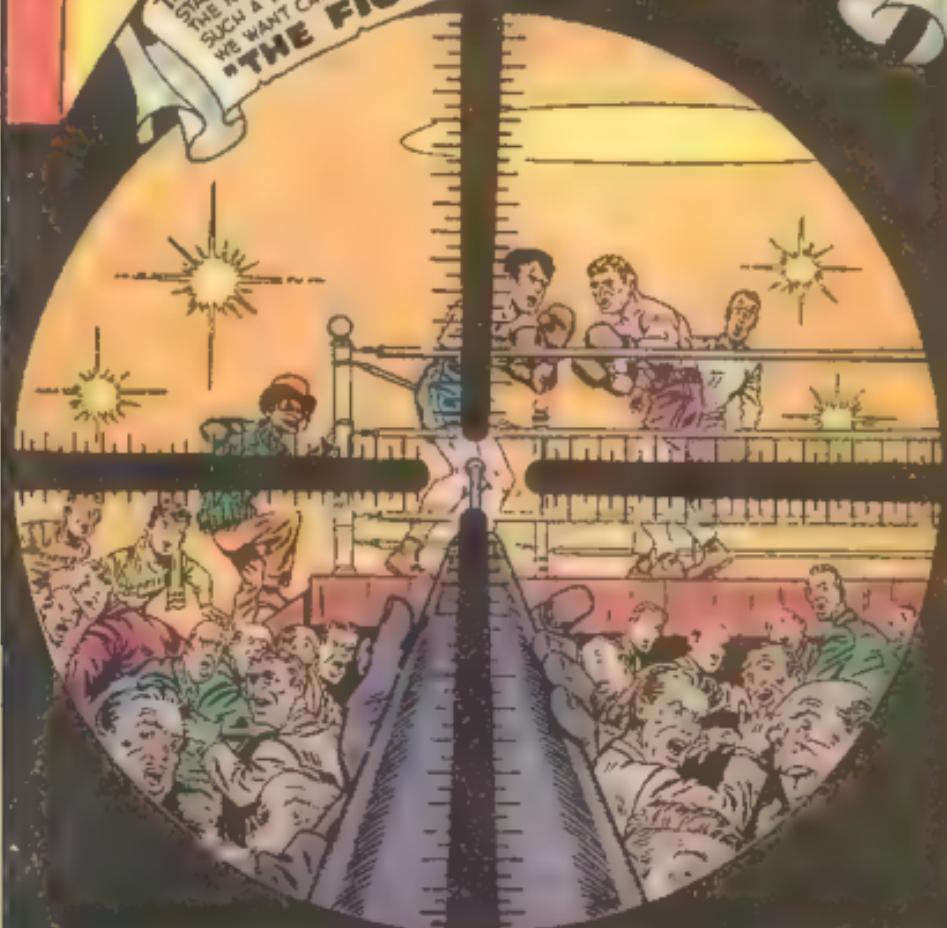
Now do you see why people refused to believe old Jobo Colter?

—David Kahn

The **6-9-42** COMMANDOS

THESE WERE GANGLAND'S ORDERS. GET US A KILLER. FIND A MAN WHO WILL
TAKE A LION WHO WILL TRAIL A PANTHER INTO ITS LAIR; A MAN WHO CAN SEE IN
THE DARK LIKE A CAT—A MAN WHO CAN MELT INTO DAYLIGHT SHADOWS!
SUCH A MAN IS QUALIFIED TO HUNT DOWN AND KILL CAPT. RIP CARTER!
WE WANT CARTER TAKEN CARE OF! UNLESS WE THROWS...

"THE FIGHT OF THE CENTURY!"

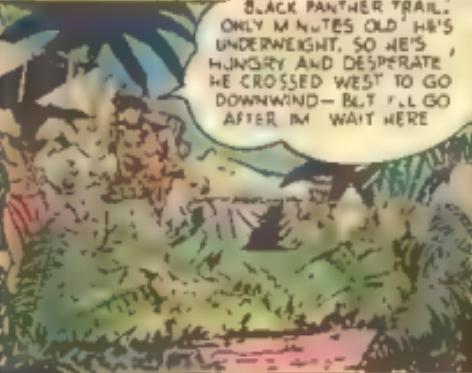


THIS STRANGE STORY BEGINS IN DEEP AFRICA — IT IS ABOUT A HUNTER WHO BECAME A LEGEND IN THE 3RD COUNTRY...

BLACK PANTHER TRAIL: ONLY MINUTES OLD, HE'S UNDERWEIGHT, SO HE'S HUNGRY AND DESPERATE. HE CROSSED WEST TO GO DOWNWIND — BUT I'LL GO AFTER, I'M WAIT HERE

EMERY BARLOWE KNEW JUNGLE WAYS SO WELL THAT THE NATIVES CALLED HIM 'THE SHADOW' THAT STALKS KILLER BEASTS...

THERE'S OLD BLACK LIGHTNING — WAITING TO PICK OFF MY BOYS



NOTHING IN THE JUNGLE ESCAPED BARLOWE'S EVER SEARCHING EYES...

CONCEALED PYGMY ELEPHANT PIT AHEAD THERE! TAKE THE OTHER FORK OR WE'LL WIND UP ON SHARP STICKS A YARD LONG

BUT BIG GAME HUNTING WAS ONLY A PART OF BARLOWE'S ACTIVITIES — FOR ON THE SIDE HE SMUGGLED GUNS TO WARRIOR CHIEFTAINS IN THE SOUTH...



AND FOR THAT REASON, RIP CARTER'S FAMED BOY COMMANDOS ONE DAY HURLED OUT OF HOT SKIES OVER AFRICA



LATER, WITH INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY CUSTOMS AGENTS, THE COMMANDOS WERE SOON STALKING THE R. MAN...



A CLEVERLY PLACED SLAB, ONCE USED BY
ADMIRALS AS A TRAP FOR INTRUDERS, GAVE
WAY UNDER BARONE'S FEET AND...

ULLPS.

AND THERE HE HUNG SUSPENDED UNDERGROUND A
THOUSAND MILES FROM CIVILIZATION

THANK HEAVENS THE
JINES STOPPED ME
B-BUT THEY VE ALSO
TRAPPED ME. I CAN
FREE MY HANDS - I
CAN T GO DOWN
OR UP.

ALL THAT NIGHT HE HUNG THERE - THE NEXT DAY, TOO, AND THE NEXT, AND THE NEXT...

THOSE BUTTERFLIES - DRIVEN ME CRAZY -
THEY'RE FREE! FREE! AND I'M TRAPPED -
I'M GOING TO
DIE - AND
THEY'RE
FREE. COM'
ROUND THEM,
CONFFOUND
THE
COMMANDOS.

IT WAS WEEKS LATER THAT RIPS & THE BAND MADE THEIR REPORT TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

WE'VE SMASHED THE ELEMENTS
OF THE SMUGGLING GANG,
SIR—BUT BARLOWE THE
LEADER HAS VANISHED

WILLED NO DOUBT,
BY THE M.G.E.

THE JUNGLE IS A TERRIBLE ENEMY CARTER-
SOONER OR LATER IT DEFEATS EVEN THE
BEST OF MEN. I THINK WE CAN
ASSUME THAT BARLOWE IS DEAD.

BUT BARBERS DON'T DIE. FRIENDLY NATURES, HEARING
THEIR SOULS, HAD RESCUED THEM.

BANANA BARLOWE,
BANANA!

BUTTERFLIES—
MILLIONS OF 'EM!
COMMANDOS
—MILLIONS OF 'EM!
I HATE 'EM, I'LL
KILL 'EM ALL!

An illustration of a person's hands holding a clipboard. The clipboard has a large blue sign on it that reads 'CASH CLOSING' in bold, white, sans-serif letters. Above this, in smaller text, it says 'BEN BARLOWE'. The person is wearing a dark shirt with 'BARLOWE' printed on it. The background is a yellow gradient.

THE AMAZING ORDEAL HAD LEFT THE RUTHLESS CRIMINAL MAD.

BUTTERFLIES—SEE 'LL KILL 'EM, I HATE 'EM HA! HA! HA!

RUN—BWANA SICK RUN.

BLAH! BLAH!



AND THOUGH FATE SEEMED TO HAVE DROWNED EMORY BARLOWE IN OBLIVION, HE WAS DESTINED ONCE AGAIN TO CROSS TRAILS WITH THOSE HE HATED — THE COMMANDOS! AS FOR RIP'S LITTLE BAND, THE THREADS OF THIS AMAZING STORY ARE PICKED UP NOW IN THE PRESENT IN AN AMERICAN CITY.

RIP'DE CROOKS TOOK DA ELEVATOR DOWN AN' JAMMED IT. NOW WE'RE STUCK UP HERE!

NOT IF AN OLD TRICK WORKS AGAIN. GIVE ME YOUR LARIAT, TEV!

SHORE, PARD!



GET THEM BEFORE THEY FIRE INTO THE CROWD.



EXCITED PEDESTRIANS PITCH INTO THE FRAY, AND ONE MAN MISTAKES RIP FOR A CROOK. HE SWINGS, MISSES.

OKAY YOU THUG—

SORRY MISTER! BUT I CAN'T STAND HERE LIKE A PUNCHING BAG!



THEN, WHEN THE GANGSTERS ARE SUBDUED...

GREAT GLNS, CARTER! THAT WAS AMERICA'S BOXING CHAMP YOU KNOCKED! I'M HIS MANAGER!

YEAH, RIP. YOU BLOTTED 'EM WITH ONE PUNCH! WHAT A STORY.

WHAT?



THE
NEXT
DAY...

MEANWHILE, AT THE HIDEOUT OF JEFFREY (COLLECTOR) RHEEMS UNDERWORLD Czar WHO SPENDS HIS LOOT FOR RARE ART OBJECTS...

HEY COLLECTOR! HERE'S DAT MING VASE YA WANTED! I GOT IT FOR A GRAND AT DA AUCTION. HMM. PUT IT WITH THE OTHER THINGS, FRANKIE! SO THEY FCK CARTER TO DEFEAT THE CHAMP! THAT'S NATURAL!



THE ODDS ARE ON CARTER TO WIN—BECAUSE CARTER WHIPPED THE CHAMP ONCE AND CAN DO IT AGAIN. YET, WE'RE BETTING ON THE CHAMP!

A KNOCK AT THE DOOR, AND AN EXCITED THUG ENTERS...



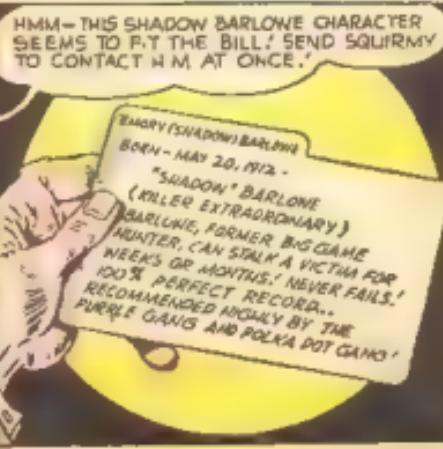
...UNEXCELLENT. DON'T BOTHER ME NOW. ER... I'M BETTING AGAINST CARTER BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BRIBE HIM! THE ALTERNATE... DEATH...



THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT THE GYM...
CALL FOR YOU RIP! BUT NEXT TIME HAVE EM GO THROUGH CHANNELS AND ASK FOR ME! I'M YOUR MANAGER AND TRAINER AN SECOND.



JUST THIS—I'LL FIGHT HARDER TO WIN! WHO IS THIS?



THIS DOES FATE PLOT IN SUCH A WAY TO BRING THE ADVERSARIES OF HER STORY TOGETHER - FOR PRESENTLY, IN A MID-WESTERN TOWN...



THAT NIGHT A PLANE ROARS EAST, BEARING A VENGEFUL MESSENGER OF DEATH...



BUT THE SUDDEN SIGHT OF THE HATED INSECT
CAUSES A FRENZIED ANGER TO GRIP THE PRO-
FESSIONAL KILLER....

BUTTERFLIES.
I HATE 'EM.
I'LL KILL 'EM
ALL....

YOU IDIOT
I HIRED YOU TO
SHOOT CARTER -
NOT MY TREASURED
ITEMS OF
CULTURE

ALL RIGHT - SO I OWE
YOU TWO GRAND
FOR SHOOTIN' UP
THE ANT QUE - NOW
LET'S HAVE THE
DATA - I'M CARTER

TILL BE AT THE ARENA -
WHERE HE'S FIGHTING - BUT
YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE
SPECIAL PLANS - BECAUSE
THERE'LL BE A THOUSAND
COPS AROUND.

THE NEXT DAY...

NOW, REMEMBER - IF IT
LOOKS LIKE CARTER
IS WINNING - SHOOT
EM - WHAT'S THAT
FOR?

THIS IS NECESS-
ARY FOR MY PLAN
FOOD, WATER -
AND A RIFLE!

I PLANNED THIS
STUNT IN AFRICA
STALKING A
WILDLIFE...

LL WAIT UP IN THE RAFTERS,
HIGH ABOVE THE RING. I'LL
BE UP THERE FOR A DAY
AND NIGHT BEFORE THE
FIGHT. THAT WAY, NO ONE
WILL SEE ME COMING UP!

AN AMAZING
SCHEME

TWO NIGHTS BEFORE THE FIGHT - AT THE ARENA
GYM - 5

HOUSE GUYS GIVE 'EM HIS
SALT RUB DOWN - MEANWHILE I'LL GET RID
O' DIS MOTH EATEN BATHROBE
M SURPRISE 'EM R.P.
WTA NEW
ONE BEFORE
DA SCRAP

AS MYSTERIOUS FATE DICTATES BROOKLYN THROWS
THE MOTH EATEN ROBE INTO A WASTE BASKET, AND
WHEN SHADOW PASSES BY...

GUARD OUT FRONT
MIGHT BE SMART
USING THAT OLD ROBE
AND HIDING THE
GUN IN T...

ONCE WHILE TRACK NG A CAPE BUFFALO,
I KEPT A RIFLE WRAPPED N GRASS—
THERE WAS NO NOISE WHEN I BUMPED
IT AGAINST SOMETHING! TH S OLD
ROBE WILL SERVE THE SAME
PURPOSE.



LATER, AND A SHADOW MOVES ON THE HIGH BEAMS

NOW I BEGIN MY V GIL—WAIT NG..
WAITING... TO STALK THE MOST
DANGEROLIS GAME N THE
WORLD—R.P. CARTER!

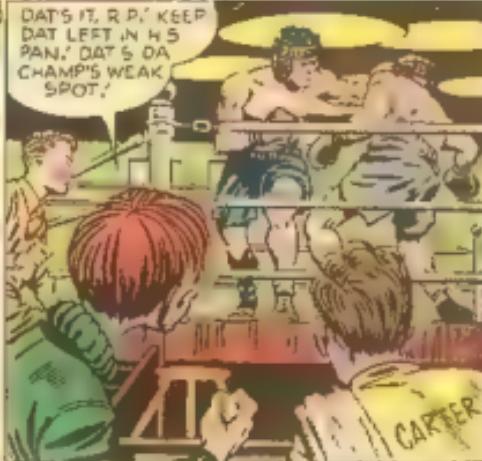


MEANWHILE, RIP WINDS UP LAST MINUTE WORKOUTS

WE'LL TAKE ANODDER
MILE, RIP, DEN WELL
GO TO DA GYM'



DAT'S IT, R.P.! KEEP
DAT LEFT IN HS
PAIN! DAT'S DA
CHAMP'S WEAK
SPOT!



OKAY—PRACTICE SOME FOOTWORK
IN D'S NEXT' ROUND! AN' WATCH
DAT BODY PUNCH—HE'S SLIPPIN'
IT THROUGH TOO MANY TIMES!
YA FEEL OKAY?

PERFECT!
ALL SET
FOR THE
BIG SCRAP
TOMORROW!



WHILE AT THE COLLECTOR'S HIDEOUT...

WE CAN'T LOSE! IF CARTER
DROPS IT, WE MAKE A
FORTUNE! IF HE STARTS
WINNING, BARLOWE WILL
KILL HIM!

BRRR—I'D HATE
TO HAVE THAT
GUY BARLOWE
GUINNIN' FOR ME,
MAD NE—HE'S WAITIN'
UP A DEM RAFTERS
LIKE A JUNGLE CAT!



SIX HOURS BEFORE THE FIGHT...

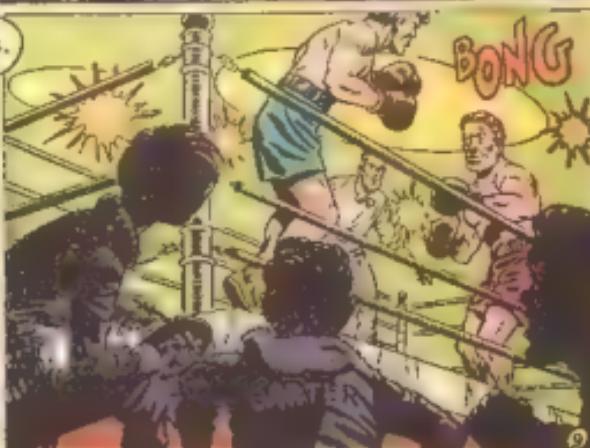
WHO DO YOU
THINK'LL WIN,
KELLY?THE SMART
DOUGH'S ON
CARTER, BUT
YA NEVER
CAN TELL!DON'T WORRY PAL - CARTER WON'T
WIN. I'M THE BIG GUARANTEE ON
THAT. HMM - I WISH THAT WAS
CARTER NOW...

FIGHT TIME! - AND THE GREAT ARENA, PACKED WITH A RECORD BREAKING CROWD, IS ROCKED BY ROARS AS THE CONTESTANTS MAKE THEIR WAY TOWARD THE RING...

ONE SIDE, EVERYONE'
LEAVE JS NOT GET N
THE WAY. DEY LIKE
US. RIP! LISTEN TO
DA HOLLERIN'



YOU BOYS KNOW THE
RULES AND REGULATIONS.
THAT'S ALL

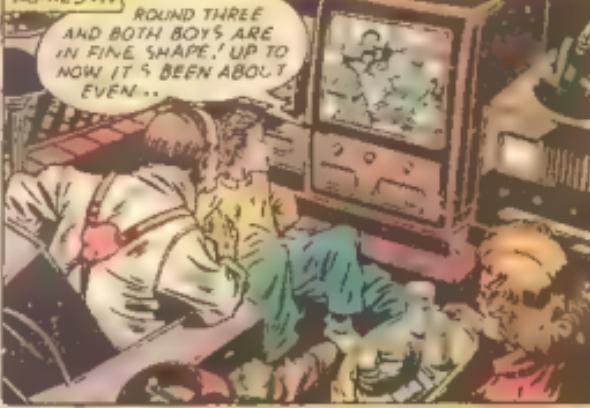


... THE CHAMP CHARGES CARTER WITH A FLURRY OF HOOKS. BUT THE COMMANDO LEADER IS A TERRIFIC COUNTER-PUNCHER; HE STEPS BACK, LANDS A LEFT TO THE TEMPLE AND...



MILLIONS OF FIGHT FANS SEE THE BOUT IN THEIR OWN HOMES...

ROUND THREE
AND BOTH BOYS ARE
IN FINE SHAPE! UP TO
NOW IT'S BEEN ABOUT
EVEN...



CARTER'S
GOT 'IM



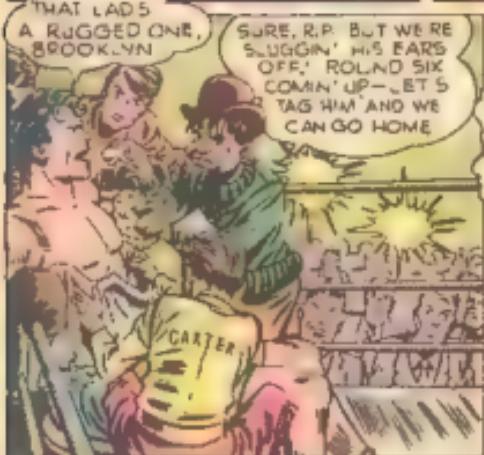
BUT THE CHAMP, VETERAN OF SCORES OF CLOSE FIGHTS, RALLIES AND...

CONFOUND YOU,
CARTER! START
WINNING! WIN!
SO I CAN SHOOT
YOU!



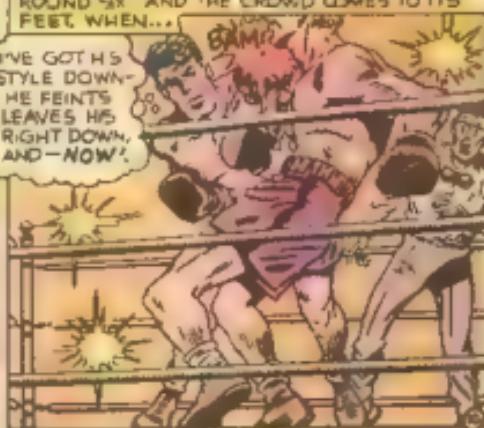
THAT LADS
A RUGGED ONE,
BROOKLYN

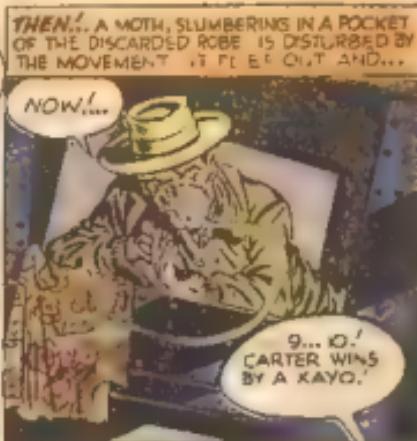
SURE, R.P. BUT WE'RE
SLUGGIN' HIS EARS
OFF! ROUND SIX
COMIN' UP—LET'S
TAG HIM AND WE
CAN GO HOME



ROUND SIX, AND THE CROWD COMES TO ITS FEET, WHEN...

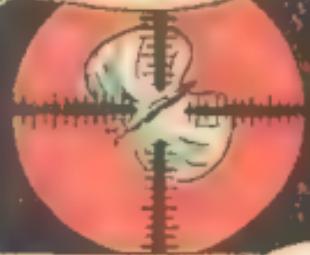
I'VE GOT HIS
STYLE DOWN—
HE FEINTS
LEAVES HIS
RIGHT DOWN,
AND—NOW!





THE STRAY MOTH, ANOTHER OF FATES STRANGE PAWS, ALIGHTS ON THE SHINY BARREL, AND SEEN THROUGH THE MAGNIFYING SIGHT RESEMBLES...

NO! IT CAN'T BE! IT'S A BUTTERFLY! I HATE BUTTERFLIES...



AND BARLOWE, ONCE AS PATIENT AS THE WAITING BOA CONstrictor, SUDDENLY GOES BERSERIC...



IN THE RING...

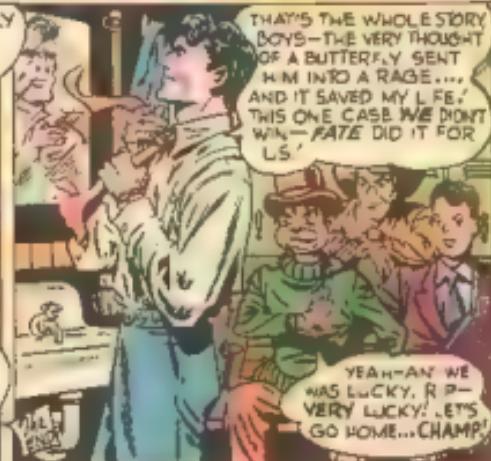
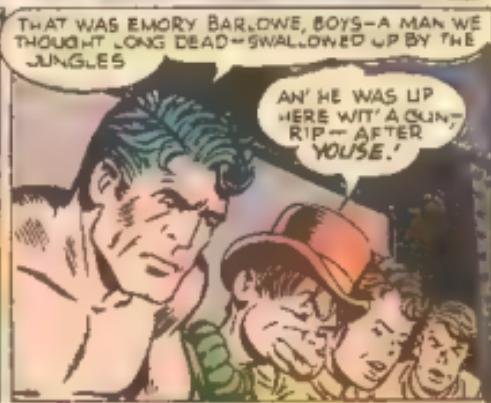
GET THESE GLOVES OFF FAST, BROOKLYN!

YEAH, SOME LOONEY GUY'S UP IN DA BEAMS—SHOOTIN' UP DA JERNT: WE GOTTA STOP 'M!



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